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SUBJ: COMMUNISTS SEE NO CHANGE IN NEW GOVERNMENT

1. SANTIAGO CARRILLO, LEADER OF THE PCE, WAS INTERVIEWED IN MID-DECEMBER BY THE TURIN PAPER, "LA STAMPA." CARRILLO REJECTED THE NEW SPANISH GOVERNMENT AS MERELY A CONTINUATION, AS "STILL A FRANCOIST GOVERNMENT." THE PCE'S GOAL IS THE ESTABLISHMENT AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE OF AN AUTHENTIC "WESTERN-TYPE DEMOCRACY" IN SPAIN. AT PRESENT MANY FORCES IN SPAIN SUPPORT THE NEW GOVERNMENT AND SEE AS NECESSARY SPAIN'S ENTRY INTO EUROPE. WHEN THE ILLUSION DIES THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT CAN ACHIEVE THIS, THESE FORCES WILL DEMAND CHANGE THROUGH THE DISMANTLING OF THE PRESENT POWER STRUCTURES, SUCH AS THE COUNCIL OF THE MOVEMENT, AND THE FORMATION OF A LEFT-WING GOVERNMENT WHICH CAN INTRODUCE SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION. CARRILLO DECLARED HIMSELF AN EXPONENT OF "PLURALIST COMMUNISM"--I.E., THAT THE PCE WOULD ACT AS A PARLIAMENTARY PARTY.

2. IN AN EARLY DECEMBER ISSUE OF "MUNDO OBRERO" (THE PCE'S UNCLASSIFIED

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NEWSPAPER) CARRILLO REJECTED SPECIFICALLY ANY COOPERATION

WITH JUAN CARLOS' GOVERNMENT, THE PEOPLE WHO NOW URGE ALL
TO GIVE JUAN CARLOS THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT, HE WROTE, ARE
THE SAME PEOPLE WHO DURING THE LAST YEARS OF FRANCO REPEATED
"CONSTANTLY" THAT FRANCO WAS LIBERALIZING THE REGIME. CARRILLO
SAID THAT JUNA CARLOS HAS NOT MENTIONED AMNESTY, DEMOCRACY,
FREEDOM OF THE PRESS, FREEDOM OF POLITICAL PARTIES, OR FREEDOM
OF LABOR UNIONS, HE SAID THAT JUAN CARLOS WAS TO FRANCO WHAT
CAETANO WAS TO SALAZAR AND CALLED FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE JOINT PLATFORM OF THE JUNTA DEMOCRATICA AND THE PLATAFORMA
DE CONVERGENCIA DEMOCRATICA--THE INSTALLATION OF A WIDELY-BASED
COALITION PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT, FULL POLITICAL FREEDOMS-
AND ELECTIONS FOR A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY.
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